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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

INASMUCH as this Catalogue is the first one issued by the Seminary since its original establishment in 1864, it has been deemed appropriate to prefix a brief historical notice of the origin of the Institution, and a statement of the principles on which it is founded.

It is required of every one, who enters upon the holy office of the Ministry, to be "instructed unto the kingdom of heaven," "apt to teach," and "not a novice." The Evangelical Lutheran Church, therefore, demands, that its pastors should be, not only godly, but also educated men. The better to secure this, special schools for the teaching of theology and sacred science have always been among her most cherished institutions.

Up to the time of the founding of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Philadelphia, no school of this character existed in the Eastern States of this country which afforded all the requisite facilities for a full course of theological instruction in both German and English, or which was so situated as to impart precisely that system of doctrines which the genuine Lutheran Church has always maintained with love and veneration. The "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States," which is usually designated as the "Synod of Pennsylvania," had long been conscious that, in view of these

facts, the duty was imposed on its members, as a synodical body, to establish an institution within its own bounds, which would adequately supply the wants of those theological students who designed to labor in the service of the Lutheran Church. The difficulties, however, which such an important enterprise might be expected to encounter, and which, indeed, it did encounter, delayed for a number of years the actual establishment of such a Theological Seminary.

After the general subject had been fully discussed at several of the annual meetings of the Synod, the members of that body adopted the following resolution on May 25th, 1864, at the meeting held in Pottstown: "That, in the name of the Lord, we now determine to undertake the establishment of a Theological Seminary." Certain preliminary measures were at once adopted, and it was further "resolved, that, in view of the great importance of the immediate prosecution of this whole enterprise, a special meeting be held," at an early period, to mature the plan. This Special Meeting was, accordingly, held at Allentown, on the 26th and 27th of July, 1864, when very decided action was taken. Among the resolutions which had been proposed by a committee at the previous meeting, and which, after due consideration, were now adopted, the following occur:

I. "That this Ministerium declare that this Institution shall be devoted to the interests of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, and its doctrinal character shall be unreservedly and unalterably based on all the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

II. "That, in the establishment of a Theological Seminary by the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, due regard being had to all the wants of our Church, the theological instruction shall be imparted in both the English and German languages.

III. "That the city of Philadelphia be the location of the Theological Seminary, temporarily, on account of the facilities which appear to offer themselves, and permanently, should our expectations be realized."

The Synod elected a Board of Directors, appointed a Faculty, consisting of five Professors, and directed that the operations of the Seminary should commence at as early a period as possible.

The first meeting of the newly appointed Faculty was held August 24th, 1864, when a Chairman and a Secretary were appointed, the Course of Study was arranged, and other preliminary measures were adopted. The five Professors were inaugurated on the evening of October 4, 1864, in the presence of a large assembly, in St. John's Church, of which Dr. Seiss is the pastor. On the next day the Professors examined and admitted the first students of the Institution. Since that day the operations of the Seminary have been regularly continued, in conformity to the Constitution and the By-Laws.

One of the Professors originally elected, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., was subsequently called to an important field of labor in the city of New York, and resigned April 7th, 1868; since that time the remaining four Professors have temporarily assumed the duties which he performed. At a somewhat later period, the Board of Directors appointed a Professor of the German Language and Literature, and also engaged the services of a Teacher of Sacred Music.

The endowment of the Seminary was commenced by C. F. Norton, Esq., of Philadelphia, who very generously offered to endow one Professorship, and who bestowed the sum of \$30,000 on the Institution for that purpose. The "Norton Professorship" will ever remain as a memorial of the liberal spirit of its founder. The friends of the Institution ardently hope that the work of endowing it will, ere long, be successfully completed.

Board of Directors.

REV. J. A. SEISS, D.D., *President.*

REV. S. K. BROBST, *Vice-President.*

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" S. GROSS FRY,

" F. W. HECKEL,

" G. HEINS.

Faculty.

REV. CHARLES F. SCHAEFFER, D.D.,

Professor of Systematic Theology (*German*); New Testament Exegesis (*English*);
and Pastoral Theology.

REV. W. J. MANN, D.D.,

Professor of Old Testament Exegesis; Hebrew; and Practical Theology (*German*).

REV. C. P. KRAUTH, D.D.,

Norton Professor of Systematic Theology (*English*); Church History; and
Ecclesiastical Polity.

REV. C. W. SCHAEFFER, D.D.,

Professor of Biblical History, and Jewish and Christian Antiquities.

_____,
Professor of Homiletics.

MR. A. LOOS,

Professor of German Language and Literature.

_____,
Teacher of Sacred Music.

LIST OF STUDENTS FROM THE BEGINNING.

Admitted in 1864.

W. O. CORNMAN,
JOHN J. CRESSMAN,
JOHN C. DITZINGER,
O. ESTREM,
A. J. FLECKENSTEIN,
J. M. FRY,
J. GUENTERSCHIED,

DAVID K. HOMBERT,
GEORGE M. LAZARUS,
FRANK RICHARDS,
THEODORE L. SEIP,
JACOB D. SHINDEL,
J. LAWSON SMITH,
F. W. WEISKOTTEN.

Admitted in 1865.

V. B. CHRISTY,
Z. H. GABLE,
M. M. GROVE,
SAMUEL HENRY,
JOSEPH HILLPOT,
JOHN A. KRIBBS,
FREDERICK MAYSER,

JACOB J. NEIFFER,
CASPAR NUSSBAUM,
GERH. RADEMACHER,
E. L. REED,
CHARLES SCHLENKER,
FREDERICK STUECKLIN,
D. D. TREXLER,

SAMUEL WAGENHALS.

Admitted in 1866.

A. H. BARTHOLOMEW,
HENRY S. FEGLEY,
LEVI H. GESCHWIND,
J. M. HANTZ,
F. K. HUNTZINGER,
ROBERT M. JACOBY,
S. A. REPASS,

WM. A. SCHAEFFER,
DANIEL M. STETLER,
G. F. SPIEKER,
C. F. C. WEBER,
J. C. S. WEILLS,
JACOB ZENTNER,
HENRY L. ZIEGENFUSS.

Admitted in 1867.

CHARLES S. ALBERT,
J. G. BLYHOLDER,*
C. J. COOPER,
GEORGE D. FOUST,
GEORGE GOMPH,
WM. E. HUBBERT,
PAUL ISENSCHMID,

F. C. C. KAEHLER,
D. K. KEPNER,
CHARLES KOERNER,
PHILIP LICHTENBERG,
JOHN D. ROTH,
WM. H. STRAUSS,
GEORGE H. TRABERT.

* Died December 27, 1868.

Admitted in 1868.

IRWIN W. BIEBER,	B. HARRISON JAMES,
FERDINAND F. BUERMAYER,	J. MUEHLHAEUSER,
JOHN GOESSLING,	WM. H. RICKERT,
FREDERICK WISHAN.	

Graduated in 1865.

J. LAWSON SMITH,	JOHN C. DITZINGER.
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F. K. HUNTZINGER,	WM. A. SCHAEFFER,
P. ISENSCHMID,	HENRY L. ZIEGENFUSS.

COURSE OF STUDY.

JUNIOR YEAR.

Apologetics (Evidences, Inspiration, etc.); Biblical Archæology (Sacred Chronology, Geography, etc.); Sacred History; Encyclopædia (General view, etc., of the theological sciences); Isagogics (Old and New Testament Literature; History of Canon, etc.); Hermeneutics and Biblical Criticism; Exegesis of New Testament (Harmony, etc.); Hebrew (Grammar; Exegesis of Old Testament).

MIDDLE YEAR.

Hermeneutics and Biblical Criticism, concluded; Systematic Theology (with History of Doctrines); Symbolic Theology; Christian Antiquities; Church History (ancient and mediæval); Homiletics; Exegesis of New Testament, Hebrew, and Exegesis of Old Testament.

SENIOR YEAR.

Systematic Theology, continued, and completed; Homiletics, continued, with practical exercises; Church History (modern); Pastoral Theology; Catechetics; Liturgics; Ethics; Ecclesiastical Polity; Hebrew (Hebrew Poetry, etc.); Exegesis of New Testament.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

1. The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Philadelphia, was established for the purpose of furnishing young men who possess the requisite qualifications, with all the necessary facilities for preparing for the Gospel Ministry. All applicants who can comply with the terms of admission, as stated in the accompanying *Constitution*, Article V, are cordially received, irrespectively of denominational relations. The doctrinal system taught in the Institution is that of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as set forth in her several Symbols or Confessions of Faith.

2. As both the English and the German languages are extensively employed in the Church, the lectures of the Professors are adapted alike to Students who do not understand the German, and to those who do not understand the English language. For this reason provision has been made for a full course of theological lectures in both languages.

3. Those who apply for admission as Students are expected to have graduated at a college, or else to have acquired in some other institution an education of a similar character. Testimonials written by their respective pastors, instructors, or others, with regard to their natural gifts, and their moral and religious character, are also required.

4. Students who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, are required, after entering the Seminary, to connect themselves regularly with some one of the German or English Lutheran congregations in Philadelphia. No city, nor any rural district, can furnish theological students with greater

advantages than this city, for obtaining a thorough and practical knowledge of pastoral duties, of congregational life, of Sunday-school operations, etc.

5. Besides other opportunities which the Students enjoy for promoting their growth in grace, special devotional exercises are regularly held in the Seminary, at which one of the Professors presides, and which all the Students are expected to attend.

6. For the General or Summer Vacation, etc., see Article VI, of the Constitution.

7. The Students have free and gratuitous access to the valuable Library of the Institution, which is constantly receiving important additions. Very great facilities are also found for obtaining access to several of the public libraries of the city.

8. Admission to certain lectures in the Medical Institutions of the city can be obtained on easy terms.

9. The price of boarding in the Seminary building is, at present, \$3.00 per week, which includes fuel and gas. Furnished rooms are provided by the Institution gratuitously.

10. The tuition is gratuitous.

11. Instruction in Vocal Music is regularly given by an accomplished teacher, who is familiar with both the English and the German languages. His instructions are given without expense to students, and he has the free use of the Cabinet Organ belonging to the Seminary.

12. The Professor of the German language and literature arranges his classes irrespectively of the Seminary classes, after ascertaining whether Students, on entering the Institution, are already acquainted to a certain extent, with the German language, or have not previously commenced the study of it.

13. Additional information which may be desired, will be promptly furnished to any person who addresses a letter to any member of the Faculty, directed No. 216 Franklin Street.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Theological Seminary

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1.—The title of this Institution shall be: “The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Philadelphia.”

SECT. 2.—The object of this Seminary shall be to train men of a pure faith, of a holy life, and of the requisite natural gifts and preliminary education, so that by all necessary learning and practical skill they may be fitted for the ministry of the Gospel, especially in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SECT. 3.—For this purpose the instruction given shall be communicated in the languages necessary for the service of the Lutheran Church in this country, especially the German and the English, in an equal degree, and, as far as possible, completely in both.

SECT. 4.—This Seminary shall rest upon the Word of God, as the absolute Rule of Faith, and on the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, set forth in the Book of Concord, as in conformity throughout with that Rule.

ARTICLE II.

SECT. 1.—The body or bodies represented in its government shall be the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, and such other Evangelical Lutheran Synods, as shall, on the invitation or with the concurrence of said Ministerium, unite in the endowment and support of this Seminary.

SECT. 2.—The German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania shall secure as far as is possible a just weight and influence in the government of the Seminary, to all who unite in this endowment, and who are not provided for by the first section of this Article.

ARTICLE III.

SECT. 1.—The direct government of this Seminary shall be in the hands of a Board of Directors, elected by ballot by the Synod or Synods, as designated in Article II.

SECT. 2.—This Board shall consist of ordained clergymen of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and of laymen, regular communicants in the same, an equal number of each, in the ratio of one clerical and one lay Director for each ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), until the number thus provided for would exceed twenty-four, when there shall be a *pro rata* reduction, so as to keep as nearly as possible within the limit of that number.

SECT. 3.—The Directors shall be divided into three classes. One-third of the Board of Directors shall be elected each year, except at the first election under this Constitution, at which one-third of the Board shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years. When an equal division of the Board into three parts is impossible, the least in number shall be elected for one year, and every third year thereafter when necessary.

SECT. 4.—The Officers of the Board shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a German and an English Secretary. The Treasurer of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States," shall be the Treasurer of the Seminary.

SECT. 5.—The President, in addition to the ordinary duties of a Chairman, shall, at the direction of the Board, sign official documents, and shall have the casting vote.

SECT. 6.—The Vice-President shall take his place as Chairman in the absence of the President, and in case of the permanent disability of the latter to act, shall attend to all his duties, until a new election shall take place.

SECT. 7.—The Secretaries shall faithfully keep the Minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, and shall preserve and arrange all official documents in accordance with the directions of the Board.

SECT. 8.—The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds belonging to the Seminary, and shall hold them in trust for the same, in the name of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Min-

isterium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States;" he shall judiciously invest its funds as the Board may direct, and give due security; he shall pay all bills, salaries, and other claims, at the order of the President, or under instruction of the Board, and shall make an annual financial Report to the Board.

SECT. 9.—There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Directors at the close of the Seminary year, at which time the officers shall be elected.

SECT. 10.—A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the officers of the Board, or by the President at the request of five members of the Board.

SECT. 11.—Every Director, when first acting after his election, and when re-elected after an interval, shall sign the Constitution, and, before doing so, shall make this affirmation:

"I heartily approve of the design of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Philadelphia. I confess as my own its fundamental principles, as defined in Article I, and I pledge myself to the support of them; and I will faithfully perform, in accordance with them, every duty enjoined upon me in its Constitution."

SECT. 12.—The duties of the Board are principally these: To watch carefully over all the interests of the Theological Seminary; to carry out the provisions of its Constitution; to appoint the time, place and manner of the public examination of the students, and of public exercises connected with the graduating classes, or other classes; to receive and act upon the Reports of the Professors; to decide in all the cases of those who shall be admitted to graduation; to issue Certificates of Graduation; to report annually to the Synod or Synods represented in the Board, in regard to all matters intrusted to their care, as also in general, in regard to everything bearing upon the welfare of the Seminary; and to make the necessary regulations under this Constitution for the efficient working of the Institution.

ARTICLE IV.

SECT. 1.—The Professors of this Seminary, who together shall constitute the Faculty of the same, shall be chosen from

the ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, must have an established character for purity of faith, holiness of life, learning, and ability to teach, and must have spent at least five years in the pastoral office.

SECT. 2.—The right to nominate the first incumbent of a Professorship shall belong to the individual, the congregation, or the Synod endowing it.

[Synods endowing a Professorship have the perpetual right to nominate the incumbent.]*

[But the election of the Professors shall remain in the hands of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.]*

SECT. 3.—Every Professor, before entering on the performance of the duties of his office, shall make the following affirmation :

“I believe that the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God, and are the perfect and only Rule of Faith; and I believe that the three General Creeds, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, exhibit the faith of the Church universal, in accordance with this Rule.

“I believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is, in all its parts, in harmony with the Rule of Faith, and is a correct exhibition of doctrine; and I believe that the Apology, the two Catechisms of Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord, are a faithful development and defence of the doctrines of the Word of God, and the Augsburg Confession.

“I solemnly promise before Almighty God that all my teachings shall be in conformity with His Word, and with the aforementioned Confessions.”

SECT. 4.—Any Professor who shall undergo any change of his views inconsistent with the spirit or the letter of this Affirmation, shall at once make known that change to the Faculty, who shall report the same to the Board.

SECT. 5.—The Officers of the Faculty shall be a Chairman,

* The items inclosed in brackets are reserved for future settlement at any regular meeting of said Ministerium, whenever the occasion shall arise.

who shall be a Professor Ordinary, a Recording Secretary, and a Librarian, all of whom shall be elected annually, by the Faculty, out of their own number, to perform such duties as the Faculty may enjoin.

SECT. 6.—The Faculty shall provide for the safe-keeping and arrangement of testimonials of the character of students, and of all other documents belonging to them that may be deemed worthy of preservation.

SECT. 7.—The Professors shall arrange the classes and the departments of study, as nearly as may be practicable, with reference to a theological course of three years, and shall teach in German and English, and in any other language which may be provided for, the chief constituent parts of Exegetical, Systematic, Historical, and Practical Theology.

SECT. 8.—They shall prepare, and faithfully see to the execution of good regulations regarding the personal and devotional habits of the students, and the successful prosecution of their studies.

SECT. 9.—They shall be empowered to make and enforce such rules, regulations or by-laws in regard to the Seminary edifice, library, cabinet organ, and other property of the Seminary, as may be deemed expedient and necessary in fulfilling any trust committed to them by the Board: *Provided*, that such rules, regulations, or by-laws shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

SECT. 10.—They shall render an Annual Report to the Board in such form as they may determine among themselves, in regard to their several Departments and the general operations and condition of the Seminary, and shall have the right to embrace in the Report any suggestions which they may desire to make.

SECT. 11.—The Faculty, in connection with the officers of the Board of Directors, shall have power to suspend, or to expel any Student from connection with this Seminary, whenever there may appear to them just cause for so doing.

SECT. 12.—A Professor may be impeached, and if the impeachment be sustained, shall be censured, suspended, or removed from office, as the case may demand, on clear proof of

unsoundness in the faith, intellectual incompetence, immoral or highly injudicious conduct, or persistent neglect of duty, or on manifest evidence that, for any reason, his connection with the Seminary is, and must continue to be, injurious to it.

SECT. 13.—The process of impeachment shall be as follows:

When definite charges shall be advanced by any respectable person, and a statement of the same shall be laid in writing before the President of the Board, he shall correspond or privately converse with the Professor inculpated, and give him the charge or charges in writing, and if he shall be satisfied that the alleged cause of impeachment is of sufficient weight and probability to justify an investigation, he shall lay the case before the Faculty, who shall carefully examine into it, and report in writing to him upon it.

If the President of the Board shall thereafter still judge the charge worthy of consideration, he shall lay it before the clerical members of the Board, who shall cite the Professor to appear, and shall furnish him with a copy of the charge or charges as finally preferred; but if he shall refuse to appear, or make unnecessary delay in so doing, the clerical members of the Board shall nevertheless proceed to hear evidence.

If they shall deem the charge or charges sufficiently probable to justify an impeachment, they shall lay the evidence before the entire Board, which shall cite the Professor to appear, and having carefully examined all the evidence on both sides, if necessary, summoning the same or other witnesses, and, having given the person involved full opportunity of explanation and defence, shall proceed to decide upon the case, both as to the facts and the penalty.

A vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to sustain an impeachment; and on the demand of the Professor impeached, or of any three members of the Board, the yeas and nays shall be called and recorded.

SECT. 14.—No Professor shall give up his office without giving the President of the Board at least six months' previous notice of his purpose, unless the Board of Directors make his case an exception to this rule.

ARTICLE V.

SECT. 1.—The qualifications demanded of those who desire to become Students in this Seminary, shall be, in addition to the natural gifts mentioned in Article I, Section 2, also evidences of consistent membership in the Church of Christ.

SECT. 2.—The standard of educational preparation shall be that of collegiate graduation, and any departure from this rule shall be made only by a unanimous vote of the Faculty.

SECT. 3.—Applicants shall be examined as to these points by the Faculty, and, if admitted, shall be matriculated in accordance with a form provided by the Faculty.

SECT. 4.—In addition to the testimonials or documents which attest the Christian character of an applicant, and his desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, he shall present to the Faculty, previously to his matriculation, a written statement, in German or English, embracing the following particulars:

First.—A request that he might be admitted as a regular Student, together with a brief reference to his personal history and the preparatory education which he has received.

Secondly.—A brief, but explicit statement of the motives which induce him to devote his life to the ministry of the Word.

SECT. 5.—Every applicant who, after due examination, shall be admitted by the Faculty, shall, before he is matriculated and enrolled as a permanent member of any class, make and subscribe the following affirmation:

“I solemnly affirm that it is my serious purpose to devote myself to the work of the Gospel ministry; and I hereby promise that, so long as I remain a Student in this Theological Seminary, I will, with the help of God, faithfully and diligently attend all the recitations, lectures, and instructions intended for me; that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the regulations which are set forth in the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Institution; and that I will pay due respect and obedience to the Professors, treat my fellow-students as brethren, and all others as becomes the Gospel of Christ.”

SECT. 6.—Every Student shall be considered as a probationer during the first four months after his admission, after which his matriculation may take place. If, after the lapse of this time, the Professors shall unanimously determine that it is not expedient to retain him any longer as a student, he shall be dismissed. If he applies to the Faculty for letters of dismissal, the circumstances which led to his dismissal shall be stated in such terms as the Faculty may deem to be wise and just.

SECT. 7.—The Students shall strictly comply with all the requirements which are made in the rules laid down by the Directors or the Faculty for the government of the Seminary.

ARTICLE VI.

SECT. 1.—The course of theological study in this Seminary shall embrace a period of three years.

SECT. 2.—The lectures and exercises shall begin on the first Thursday in September, and continue until the week before Trinity Sunday.

SECT. 3.—In addition to the General or summer vacation, there shall be a cessation of exercises at Christmas, during Passion-week, at Easter, on Ascension-day, and on such other days as the Faculty in its discretion shall determine.

ARTICLE VII.

SECT. 1.—Notice of a motion to amend this Constitution must be put in writing and, with a copy of the amendment proposed, be given to the President, who shall make both known to the Directors at their annual meeting. The motion and amendment shall be recorded by the Secretary, and shall be acted on at the next regular meeting. A vote of two-thirds of the Directors present shall be necessary to amend.

SECT. 2.—No amendment changing the confessional basis of this Seminary shall be entertained at any time, neither shall any amendment affecting the use of the German and English languages, as provided for in this Constitution, be entertained so long as one-eighth of all the members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, present at a regular meeting of that body, shall make objection to a proposed change.